

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. An information processing apparatus comprising network-card-recognizing means that recognizes network cards that are mounted therein, degree-of-demountability storage means that stores therein the degrees of demountability of the network cards the network-card-recognizing means recognizes, and for-main-apparatus-body identifier production means that, according to the identifier of the network card, the degree of demountability of that is the lowest of all the degrees of demountability, corresponding to the network cards the network-card-recognizing means has recognized, stored in the degree-of-demountability storage means, produces the main-apparatus-body identifier for use on a network.
2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the demountability is a facility of structurally detaching a network card or a frequency of uses or a type of card.
3. A for-use-on-main-apparatus-body identifier production method for an information processing apparatus comprising a network-card-recognizing step for recognizing network cards that are mounted therein, a degree-of-demountability storage step for storing the degrees of demountability of the network cards that are recognized in the network-card-recognizing step, and a for-main-apparatus-body identifier production step for, according to the identifier of the network card, the degree of

demountability of that is the lowest of all the degrees of demountability, corresponding to the network cards that have been recognized in the network-card-recognizing step, stored in the degree-of-demountability storage step, producing the main-apparatus-body identifier for use on a network.

4. The for-use-on-main-apparatus-body identifier production method for an information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the demountability is a facility of structurally detaching a network card or a frequency of uses or a type of card.

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